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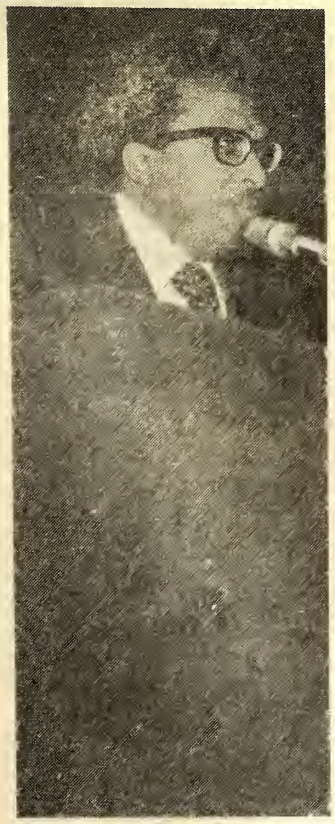
4,000 Souls Saved And $800,000 Raised

$80,524 Reported At All Baptist Assembly - Benton Center

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — "Stewardship" is the one word that adequately describes the over - all 'theme' that ran like a golden thread throughout the All Baptist Assembly, held recently in Winston - Salem. Seen in the photo, is Dr. J.J. Johnson, president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, bowed in prayer as the All Baptist Assembly was officially declared open for business. Following the official opening by Dr. Johnson, each auxiliary president came forward and declared their department in session and announced the time that that particular auxiliary would be in charge of the Assembly Session.



Dr. Robert H. Wilson, Preaching at Prayer Breakfast Benton Center to 500 in Attendance.

The dominating theme of the Assembly was "Stewardship". Under the leadership of president Johnson, the General Baptist Convention has been directed towards a greater responsibility for stewardship in Christian endeavors. The underlying principle that motivates the stewardship emphasis is that of Christian productivity. Dr. Johnson has pointed out that to be a Christian is to invest one's life in the cause of Christ's Church. The outstanding fact of investment is demonstrated through the planting of a seed: it always returns more than is planted; there is a definite increase when healthy seeds are planted. Therefore, Dr. Johnson has declared to Black Baptists that the cause for much of our non-productivity is due primarily to the lack of investment of lives and resources into the cause of Christ. He says: "first give your life to Christ, total commitment, then work at your task with all the talents and skill that you possess, and there will be an increase in your resources: there will be abundance."

Dr. J.J. Johnson presenting a check of $320.00 to Mrs. Horne and Mrs. McLester for the Baptist Assembly at Laurel Hill. The proceeds came from the sale of his book. (From Poverty to Power.) Dr. E.B. Turner, Vice President-At-Large looks on.

This application of the Christian principle has truly paid off in great dividends for the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina. More people are employed than ever before with higher salaries. The convention workers are reaching more people than ever before and the Unified Program is receiving greater support than ever.

What all of this says to Baptists is that: "what God has entrusted to us is to be used to promote Righteousness and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ." We are therefore being called upon to become more responsible and better stewards of the Lord's work. "God will not bless the lazy and the dishonest", declares president Johnson. He urges everyone to rise to the defense of the poor and the underprivileged. He urges pastors to trust God and give the Tithe, preach the Gospel without fear or favor, and live the Christian life. According to his teaching we can only be blessed when we begin to "practice" Christianity: it is not enough just to believe it and talk about it."

In the President's Annual Address, he challenged the Convention to commit itself to a larger stewardship through the adoption of seventeen (17) far - reaching recommendations, which The Assembly unanimously adopted. (See President's Recommendations, in this issue of the Informer).

Dynamic Speakers Electrified Convention

Winston - Salem — One of the three major convention speakers that kept the Assembly electrified and inspired from the opening night until the closing morning was Dr. F.G. Sampson, pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. He was the key note speaker for the Third Annual Fellowship Banquet, sponsored by the Woman's Convention. He issued a call for Black people and all Christians to strive to go beyond mere survival and to discover what it means to "be". Dr. Sampson said that being 'Black and proud' is worthless unless one has first become" a worthwhile personality that just happens to be Black." His was a challenge to put off the Superficial shell of materialism and seek the true values of Righteousness." Ones does not have to be poor to suffer the judgment of God; the soul can starve to death in the midst of affluence", declared Sampson.

On Tuesday morning, Rev. R.E. Devoe, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby, again electrified The Assembly with his Dynamic message "A Lost Sense of Mission", based on Ezekiel 37..." O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord". He stated that: "The Church ought to loose Herself in order to find her life: making an analogy of the dry bones and the Church, he declared that only the spirit of God can renew the strength of the church and nation.

The finishing touches were put on the Spiritual feast on Thursday morning by Rev. Robert Wilson, pastor of the St. John Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. It was as though a "Ball of fire" had struck The Assembly Hall when Rev. Wilson delivered the President's Prayer Breakfast Sermon Address. His subject was: "For the Healing of the Land", based on 2 Chronicles 7:14 which says: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." He declared that the destiny of the individual is wrapped up with the destiny of his country (land). The initative for healing the land must be taken by the people of God ... not by God or sinners. The healing is dependent on God's people's respect or the covenant relationship with God.

According to Rev. Wilson, America is sick because God's people are unfaithful; have not put God first; nor have they honored Him in their lives.

Rev. Wilson stated that the prescription for healing is for God's people to humble themselves, re - establish genuine worship, and repent of their sins.

President's Address

Christian Freedom And Responsibility

By Dr. Joy J. Johnson

Winston - Salem — (Editor's Note: The Following is the complete text of president Johnson's annual address to the All Baptist Assembly meeting in the Benton Convention Center, Winston - Salem, August 2-5.)

John 8:30-36

30. As He spake these words, many believed on Him.

31. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My Word, then are ye my disciples indeed.

32. And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33. They answered Him, we be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: How sayest thou, ye shall be made free?

34. Jesus answered them, verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

35. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: But the son abideth ever.

36. If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Galatians 3:21-29

21. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

22. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

23. But before faith come, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

26. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ.

27. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28. There is neither Jew or Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29. And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Definition of Christian Freedom and Responsibility

Christian freedom means the liberty to act under the principles and practices of Judeo - Christianity as dictated by Jesus and governed by the disciplines and doctrines of the New Testament Church. Therefore Christian freedom is circimscribed, limited and bound by the teachings of Jesus and the New Testament. The only freedom we have is to act under the bounds of the Holy Bible or operate between the lids of the Bible subject to he rules of the master.

Responsibility means assuming our rightful share of the load according to our several abilities. That is taking up the cross of Jesus daily through vicarious suffering and sacrificing for and with the poor, rejected, neglected, despised, deprived, destituted, and lost. It means assuming our responsible roles and duties as good stewards, by positive witnessing for Jesus in the world. These are definite and concrete signs of Christian responsibility. Our Commission (responsibility) was given by the Master upon His return to Heaven - "Go ye therefore into all the world and herald (broadcast) the Good News of the Gospel - Preach, teach, observe, obey all my commandments and surely I will never leave you or let you down."

The scriptural references John 8:30-36. True freedom comes only from the Theos Logos - God's Word - The Great Emancipator, Jesus. These words are the result of a genuine life experience. The exposure of an adulterous woman by religious Jewish leaders.

The experience teaches Christian liberty and responsibility. The scene opens with the scribes and pharisees bringing a noterious adulteress before Jesus for condemnation. However in the moving drama, Jesus condemns the religious Jewish leaders instead. Then Jesus interrogates the woman where upon she confesses her ignorance of salvation and guilt. Jesus senses her devotion and instantly forgives and makes an unconditional pardon on the spot. The once adulterous woman, now the virtuous woman, suddenly volunteers to come a local missionary by broadcasting the Good News: "Come and see the only man that has satisfied my desires by spontaneously putting a spring of living water in my soul with a permanent spout quencing all my earthly thirst."

It was the finite and infinite having a confrontation at the neighborhood well - Jacob's well; the saviour and the sinner wrestling with corruption and conscience.

The purpose of the story was to confirm the mission of Jesus in the world, especially to the Jews. His mission - regeneration not reformation; redemption not prosecution; sanctification not condemnation; dedication not persecution; to expose sin not the sinner; to exercise love not the law; to make no exception to sex, religion or race; and to show that grace and mercy are equally available to all.

The truth is the crux and center of the dialogue. The greater emancipator liberates all sinners from bondage but truth liberates the soul fully and cast out all fear, frustration and doubt. Therefore, the Christian free souls cannot enslave, since Jesus is the Master of us all. Of course we are free only on the Master's plantation. When we leave His plantation, we become

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The President's Recommendations To The All Baptist Assembly

The Benton-Center, Winston-Salem
August 4, 1976

I. That the General Baptist State Convention establish Uniform Standards, Criteria, Curricula and Certification for all Christian Training and workers in the Convention Auxiliaries and cooperating associations, district conventions, regions, unions and churches under the Department of Christian Education.

II. That each cooperating association shall establish a Department of Christian Education with a Board of Christian Education, Christian Education Director and Dean.

III. That the Association's Director, and dean, and instructors shall be certified by the Convention's Board of Education and Director.

IV. That the Association's Christian Education Director shall hold a degree in Christian Education or Religion.

V. That the qualifications for Certification of Association deans, instructors, counselors, and missionaries shall be established by the Convention's Board and shall be recommended by the Association's Board of Education and director.

VI. That all Christian workers be adequately compensated for their work. The Christian church must be the first to demonstrate equity, justice, prudence, fair play, love and concern and not follow the world's standards and scales. We are to give pressed down and running over measures. Low wages and skimpy measurements are not the teachings of Christ nor the New Testament. The Church prices for goods and services should not exceed the fair market value. The Christian Church and Convention must be competitive on the open market for goods and services. No Christian Worker should be compensated less than the Federal minimum wage and Certified Teachers not less than $100.00 weekly with room and board plus travel. We must begin conducting quality institutes and not quantity. The institutes are to emphasize Christian Training and Biblical knowledge not fund raising and preaching. Concentrate on Stewardship, Church Membership, Officers' Duties, Baptist Beliefs, Policies, Practices and just the Bible. No point in Training members how to perform duties and hold positions when they do not believe in giving. Train them to be good stewards first.

VII. That the Convention's Board of Christian Education and Director may schedule, plan and program "Flying and Boat" world-wide Christian tours and seminars for Certification, Credits and tax deductions or they in conjuction with Foreign Christian Colleges and Universities foster the same but all in cooperation with the Convention's Transportation Committee.

VIII. That the Certificate issued shall be as indicated by sample. (See sample Certificate)

IX. That copies of all Convention Associational or Auxiliary Institutes be maintained by the Convention's Office Christian Education. Therefore copies of all Associational and Auxiliary Institute Records shall be forward within five (5) days following close of institute to the Baptist Headquarters office of Christian Education.

X. The Convention's Board of Christian Education and director shall plan and conduct quarterly certification workshops for Associational directors, deans, instructors, camp counselors, missonaries and all Christian workers. The workshops are to be conducted at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly weekends or any other place and time designated by the Convention's Board of Education.

XI. That a Convention Christian Education Task force be designated by the President to initiate a Massive Christian Education Training Program to help eradicate Biblical and denominational illiteracy and that the Task Force be named and called in Session within 30 days.

XII. That the General Baptist Convention churches incorporate Christian Education forums in their Sunday Morning Worship. On Church Membership, Discipline, Doctrine, Baptist Policy, Practice stewardship and relevant issues.

A ten minute prepared message by a qualified person is more effective, informative and reach more members than a two hour ill-prepared message with a dozen people. We must train the people while they are present.

XIII. That the Trustees of the Convention be authorized to begin Preliminary Plans for the Construction of our First Unit. Retirement-Retreat Complex. That is secure drawings, designs and cost of construction and not exceed $75,000.00 for the Construction of the First Unit. That the Trustees make their Preliminary report January 14, 1977.

XIV. That the Convention establish an Endowment for Shaw University and the Shaw Divinity School. That the Endowment Resources come from special gifts, grants, wills, royalties, payroll deductions and insurances or any other legitimate untapped resource.

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XV. That the Board of Higher Education be authorized to investigate the feasibility of such endowment and report on January 14, 1977 their findings.

SVI. That Blacks assume their civic responsibilities with pride and dignity by serving on boards, commissions and juries without fear of intimidations and reprisals. Many times they can be the catalyst in giving a just verdict or decision.

XVII. That all Black Registered Voters go to the polls August 17 and the November General Election and vote for the candidates with performances not promise and that exemplify Christian concern for all people regardless to race; religion, creed, color, national origin, sex or party.

Letters To The Editor

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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President's Address Continued

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subjects of another master and with run - away slave status. We are no longer under our Master's guidance and protection. We lose our freedom, privileges, rights and opportunities when we leave the Master's plantation even though we are indentured slaves, with the Master's brand and identity that is stamped with the blood of Jesus but when we get out of the providence of God, we are on Satan's territory. We can come home adn He will pardon but the danger is there.

Galatians chapter three begins by saying, "O Foolish Galations, who hath bewitched you, that ye should no obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? ... But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident for the just shall live by faith ... wherefore then serveth the law?" It was added because of transgression ... there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promises."

These verses indicate love is in lieu of the law. There is no confusion or conflict, love takes precedence over the law. The law reveals but love conceals; the law executes but love commutes; the law confirms but love affirms; the law demands but love commands; the law makes judgments but love makes atonements; the law rectifies but love justifies; the law condemns but love redeems; the law convicts but love converts; the law seeks justice but love seeks mercy; the law provides penalties but love provides penitence, the law provides bonds but love provides blessings; the law grants fines but love compliments; the law restrains but love consents; the law enforces but love embraces; the law decrees but love frees.

It is therefore the responsibility of Christians to carry out the love mission of Jesus. We are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We are not the wrecking crew but the construction team of goodwill. We are the New Testament Covenant Christian, not the Church constitution framers. Not lawmakers but love makers; not saints but sinners saved by grace.

The world is looking to the Christian church for moral integrity not congress and the courts. The world wants to see some Abrahams, Moses, Davids, Esters, Ruths, Peters, James, Johns, Pauls, Marys, and Marthas in the neighborhood churches — not some Wayne Hayes, Wilbur Mills, nor Elizabeth Rays or Coleen Gardners.

The Christians were given the call, command, commission and assurance by Jesus to go into all the world and tell the Good News and He would not leave us or let us down.

The Colossian Christians (Colossians 3:1-2, 9-17) are told to set their affection on things above not on things on the earth. "For ye are dead and your life hid with Christ in God. Ye have put off the old man with his deeds, and put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created Him. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, scythian, bond nor free, but Christ is all, and in all. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, Holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long - suffering; forebearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness and let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And what so ever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."

According to **U.S. News and World Report** — June 14th issue: Religious cults are on the rise. They are the magnets and mystics of youth. The cults offer love, peace, freedom, fellowship, friendship, and joy to the lonely.

By the hundreds of thousands, these youths are living and working on behalf of new - found beliefs and leaders. Such converts can be seen roaming the streets of U.S. cities, selling incense as oriental monks or singing gospel hymns, and taking up collections. At present, anywhere from one million to three million Ameicans, mostly in their 20's or late teens are involved in 200 to 1000 cults. Cultism, however, is not a new development in America. Over the centuries based sects have built up and lost - looking for dogmas and panaceas ranging from free love to snake handling.

Today, the nations "New Believers" vary widely from oriental meditators to bands of youth waiting in the desert for saviors due to arrive in spaceships from the same kingdoms that Christ came from. What enables such groups to prosper? Many religious and social analysts point to a large reservoir of troubled youth in the U.S. — some involved in drugs, and others, with traditionally devout views that crack, often from home to college. These youth are attracted ot the authoritarian images presented by many cult leaders. For such young people, religious fervor runs at a high pitch!

Many of the cults exploit the youth sexually and financially. Some youth are turned over to a deprogrammer for many days and hours in a locked room to rid the young person of cultist beliefs.

Some of the largest and controversial cults in U.S. are the Unitication Church established in U.S. in 1972 and headed by Sun Myong Moon. A millionaire industrialist from Korea with a U.S. membership of 30,000, average age 24, with an annual income of 12 - 100 million dollars; the Divine Light Mission established in the U.S. five years ago by Prem Pal Singh Rawat, 18, known by Guru Maharaj Ji, claims a membership 50,000, the Denver headquarter reported an annual income of 3 million dollars; the International Society For Krishna Consciousness, it claims a membership of 2,000 flowing robed Kirshna chantlers; the Church of Scientology established in 1954 claims a membership of 60,000. Estimated income 50 to 300 million dollars annually. Instead of monastic disciplines, Scientology emphasizes processing members with an electronic device called an E-meter to heal emotional traumas, founder L. Ron Hubbard, science - fiction writer, engineer and U.S. Naval officer; and the Children of God, headed by David (Moses Berg) claims a membership of 3,500 with 120 cummunes. Their funds come from membership donations and street solicitations.

Religious scholars and some parents suggest that cults may be socially beneficial to certain young people considering the high rates of crimes, suicides, and other destructive behavior among youth today. Irving Q. Zaretsky, Co - editor of Religious Movements in contemporary America, "observes," many entered cults to get free from durgs, and their rehabilitation rates are rather high compared with government programs. What will happen if we cut off this relatively healthy outlet or antidote for anti - social behavior?

How long will the present crop of cult continue to flouristh? Martin Marty of the University of Chicago Divinity School, sees signs that they may have peaked. None of today's cults will show the staying power of such dissenting faiths as the Jehovah's Witness and Mormons. These groups were able to survive persecution and grow because they offered a structure of belief that would support people through life and would encourage them to raise their children in the church.

It is the responsibility of the Christian church to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world not merely to condemn and condone the cultists but to compel and command them to follow Jesus by precepts and examples.

Finally, Christians have civic, social, economic, educational, and racial responsibilities as well as religious responsibilities.

Joy J. Johnson, D.D., L.L.D., President of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. Pastor: First Baptist Church, Fairmont, State Legislator from the 21st District and Chairman, House Human Resources Committee. Author of Modern Day Prodigal and From Poverty to Power and such major Legislations as the State's Equal Opportunity Act, Repeal of Welfare Lien Law, Restoration of Citizenship, Migrant Burial Fund, Sickle Cell Syndrome Council, Repeal of Full Slate Law and Designating January 15th of each year Dr. Martin O. King, Jr.'s Birthday in North Carolina.

Additional Resolutions Adopted At All Baptist Assembly

Winston-Salem — In addition to the seventeen (17) recommendations of President Johnson; The All Baptist Assembly adopted the following ten (10) resolutions, made jointly by President Johnson, the Executive Committee and the General Board.

1. That the Convention support Rev. Ben Chavis and the Wilmington Ten in their Fight for Freedom, as well as fight all social and political repressions.
2. That the Department of Corrections be condemned by the Convention for such poor records in providing efficient and adequate medical care and protection of the inmates.
3. That the Convention go on record requesting the 1977 General Assembly to provide adequate funds for Medical Services, Care and Chaplains for all Prison Units.
4. That the Convention through her Christian influence and integrity demand that the next Governor of North Carolina appoint Blacks to head some significant State Departments and Agencies, such as Human Resources, Corrections, Human Relations and to all Boards and Commissions such as Transportation and Paroles. Also that the same demand be made of All Other State, National, County and City appointed and elected officials.
5. That this Convention go on record for Law and Order in this State and Nation, based on equal justice and treatment for all.
6. That in this Bicentennial Year, the General Baptist Convention call upon every General Baptist Family and Christian to re-establish the Family Altar.
7. That the Convention support the Equal Rights Amendment.
8. That the Convention support a Statewide Fair Housing and Employment Act with firm regulations and enforcement provisions.
9. That the Convention support viable Landlord-Tenant and Migrant Labor Camp Legislation with high standards and strict enforcement provisions.
10. That the Convention call upon the Honorable James E. Holshouser, Jr. to reactivate the Human Relations Council that it may be viable and responsive to the needs of Minorities and appoint a Black Director.

Wingate Will Go To Four Year Status

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (BP) — Wingate College, a two - year Baptist institution near here, has been approved for four - year status by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention General Board.

Wingate, founded in 1896 as a high school, became a junior college in the mid - 1930's. The school has been affiliated with the North Carolina Convention since 1949.

Wingate will begin offering four - year baccalaureate programs in only a few disciplines, aiming for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1979. The school will still place major emphasis on the two - year program, a board spokesman told the Baptist Courier, newsmagazine of South Carolina Baptists.

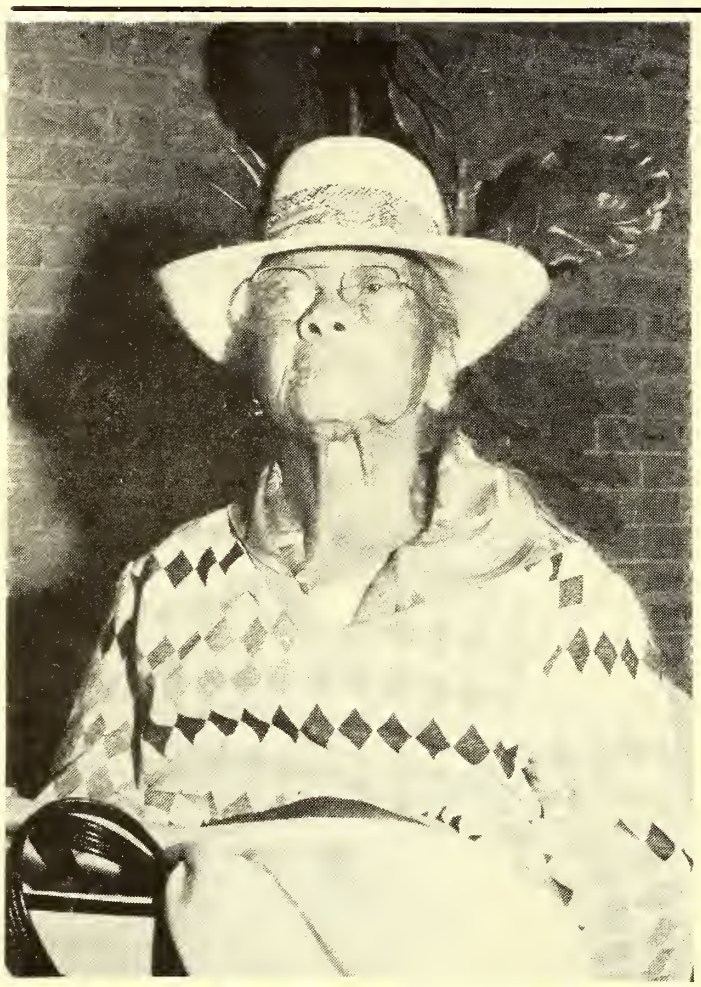
All Pastors and Churches are urged to complete their quotas before the fiscal year closes August 31. We are too near this goal of 5,000 souls and one million dollars to stop now. Get the souls saved and the money raised to the Executive Secretarys office 603 South Wilmington Street now.

99½% will not do - It takes 100% . I am counting on you.

Need 1000 souls and $192,639.18 by August 31, 1976

President Johnson

WOMEN'S PAGE



NEVER TOO OLD — Winston-Salem — An interesting feature of the All Baptist Assembly, August 2-5, is revealed in this photo of this 93 year old delegate who was the oldest person attending the Assembly. She is 93 years young, and is quite active and alert for her age. She is an outspoken and unshaken witness for Jesus Christ. One can never talk to this Sister without feeling that here is a person who has made a complete surrender to Our Lord Jesus Christ. Her testimony is that Jesus has kept her all of these years and continues to supply her every need.

Women's Session Emphasized

Christian Stewardship, Fellowship

By Thelma C. Horton

Winston-Salem - The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina which comprises three main departments - senior, young adult and youth, observed its 92nd annual session during the All Baptist Assembly, August 2-5, at Benton Center, Winston-Salem. The photo above show Executive Secretary Horne and President Johnson sharing a moment of Christian Fellowship.

Mrs. J.B. McLester, president of the Woman's Convention, auxiliary of the General Baptist State Convention, Inc., stated that the theme, "Christian Freedom and Responsibility", calls upon each individual to give an account of their Christian Stewardship.

Mrs. M.A. Horne, executive secretary-treasurer, expressed her gratitude to "Our heavenly Father for bringing us through another year". "Sometimes", she continued, "the clouds were dark, the way was rugged, at times the ship was tossed to and fro, but we made the voyage safely, because a man was on board named Jesus."

Total amount of money given for objectives was $47,555.80 during the week and $228,282.76 for the year. Exceeded last Convention year by $10,898.81.

As she talked about accepting responsibility, she read the Convention Superlatives as follows: Best Steardship Missionary Department, Friendship Baptist, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Bernice Kennedy, president and Rev. S.E. Tyndall, pastor; Best Stewardship Missionary Union, Forsyth County, Mrs. Clara Hayes, president; Best Stewardship Auxiliary, West Roanoke Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Irene Yates, president; Best Stewardship District Conference, District 3, Group 1, Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas, Kings Mountain; chairman; Largest number of reported Souls Won for Christ, District 7, Group 2, Miss Ethel Standfield, Durham, a total of 414.

Excitement filled the center as Mrs. Horne gave a partial report and announced the winners of the 1976 National Diamond Jubilee Queen Contest, which will be held September 6-12, Dallas, Texas. The purpose of the contest is to help build a hospital in Malawi, Africa. Four state prizes were awarded to the winners as follows: to the National Convention, Dallas, Texas, Forsyth and Cleveland Counties; to the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Richmond, Virginia, Halifax County; to the annual session of the Woman's Convention, Anson County and the Woman's Auxiliary of Union County and a cash award to Columbus County. (Please note that each group will select their representative.)

The Young Adult Department presented a most inspiring and challenging program on Tuesday afternoon. The procession (See photo above) was led by President Natalie Mitchell, Reidsville, with Young Adults singing "Walk with Jesus" to the glory of God. A skit, entitled, "Christian Freedom and Responsibility" was written and directed by the State Young Adult Director, Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, Winston-Salem, portrayals of Biblical Characters who through their concern for others accepted their Christian Responsibility through personal witnessing, worship, giving, teaching and preaching. As Bonnie A. Boston, Taylorsville, sang "He Touched Me", the Spirit of the Lord moved many hearts to tears and shouts of "amen".

Miss Elizabeth Brooks, Gastonia, presided over her first session as Youth President with poise and dignity. The Youth Concert was a real moving experience. Many talented youths, under the direction of Michael Lennon, Winston-Salem, used their talents to the glory of God.

The Baptist Assembly, Shaw and the Christian Spirit of "76" Contests, which are major financial objectives of the Youth Department, were directed by State Supervisor, Mrs. Eva M. Pratt, Durham, and Mrs. Alfredia Brooks, Gastonia, State Advisor. First and second place winners in the Shaw Contest were Jacqueline Hayes, Cleveland County and Jenritta Hardy, Gaston County; the Baptist Assemby Contest: Essie Whitworth, Gaston County and Deborah Nicholson, (See photo above) Wake County; and The Chrstian Spirit of "76" (See photo above) Wayne County Youth Supervisor, Mrs. Pauline G. Reid and Youth President, Miss Linette Horton. The Shaw and Baptist Assembly Winners received $100.00 each for first place and $25.00 for second place. Trophies were awarded to the Christian Spirit of "76" winners.

The Baptist ministers' Wives' Fellowship, which was organized in January, 1974 with Mrs. J.J. Johnson as chairman, to promote better fellowship among themselves and to aid students tin the Divinity School, Shaw University, presented a most stimulating and informative program. The skit, entitled "The Purpose of the Ministers' Wives" was written by Mrs. Alice Wilson, Durham Program Chairman. It depicted the role of the Minister's wife in Missions, at home and in Christian Education. It was concluded that "the hope of the Ministers' wife lies in her willingness to present herself on the altar of God." Chairman Johnson called upon each association to organize a Ministers' Wives' Fellowship. Fifty-five persons attended the luncheon meeting.

Mrs. Luella D. Edwards, third vice president, Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, delivered a very inspiring message on the theme with special emphasis on "Witnessing". She stated that "There are forces in the modern world which are deliberately trying to destroy the ancient truth. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He can save me from my sins, I," she continued, "have followed Him into baptism in obedience to His Command."

Women Called To Order

Winners

Winners

Letters Received Praising Assembly

RALEIGH—
Dear Mrs. Horne,

Many thanks for your diligent support and cooperation in making the All Baptist Assembly a Grand Success. It shows what we can do by working together. Let us get together very soon to Plan Programs and implement our work and recommendations together.

Again thanks for everything including the Complimentary Suite which was superb.

Sincerely,
Joy J. Johnson

Dear Mrs. Horne,

A million Thanks for a great Convention. We are still demonstrating. You know how it's done. It was the greatest.

Eva and S.R. Johnson

Dear Mrs. Horne:

I wish to express my deepest appreciation to you for your support of my position and work as Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention. It was wonderful to know that you were willing to stand for the best interest of the work.

There are times when any of us who would be followers of the lord Jesus Christ must expect the buffetings from within and without; from our foes and from our friends; from Satan who would seek to attack on every possible quarter the man who is set upon being the best for God.

It is my sincere hope that the leadership of our convention may let love and unity continue to abide, and get on with God's work.

Again, thank you for your personal support, and moreover, your support of the work that I represent.

May God bless you mightily.

Sincerely,
O.L. Sherrill

Dar Mrs. Horne:

With so many fine hotels in North Carolina, we are proud and happy that you selected the Winston-Salem Hyatt House for your All Baptist Assembly.

Quality of food and good service are our perfection and pride. We would like your comments on our performance.

On behalf of the Winston-Salem Hyatt House, may I thank you for your valued patronage and we hope to continue serving you.

Very sincerely yours,
Charles M. Kienzle.
Catering Director

Roscoe Chamberlain, Layman Of The Year

Winston-Salem — The 1976 "Layman of The Year" Award was presented to Mr. Roscoe Chamberlain, Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. The award is given by the State Laymen's League Convention as an incentive to encourage laymen to take a more active part in their local church program.

Mr. R. Cogdell presents Layman Oscar (in absence of Layman Pres. John McQueen) looking on are Dr. J. RayButler, Pres. Johnson, Mr. Waverly Camp, Layman Secretary and Convention Music Direction and Rev. Leon White.

Mr. J.W. McQueen, president of the State Laymen's League stated that the award could not have been given to a more worthy person. Candidates for the "Layman of the Year" award are nominated by their pastor. Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, stated that he was pleased that Mr. Chamberlain had been selected.

Another outstanding feature of the laymen's session was the discussion of the theme: "Christian Freedom and Responsibility Through Preaching", by I.H. Hilliard and summary by Mr. O.A. Dupree. Both speakers called for laymen to come forth as "Ministers of the Word", and help the preachers carry the Gospel message as well as other task in the local church. The idea of a "Lay Ministry" seemed to be well received by the Assembly.

The photo also shows "Laymen-In-Action" as directed by Dr. Coleman Kerry, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte, and Program Chairman for the All Baptist Assembly.

LAYMEN IN ACTION

Brotherhood Oscar Recipient Mr. Roy Parker, Jr. Editor of Fayetteville Times, Presdentation by President Johnson and Executive Secretary Sherrill.

Rev. Leon White Receives 1st Annual Freedom Award

WINSTON-SALEM — The Reverend Leon White, outspoken leader of the North Carolina Task Force seeking to abolish the death penalty; has become the first recipient of the "First Annual Freedom Award". This award is given by the General Baptist State Convention to an individual who has shown unusual concern in the area of Social and Political Concern. The photo shows the award being presented by President Johnson. Leon White is secretary to the N.C. and Va. Chapter of the Commission for Racial Justice.

The following letter was read as part of the ceremony as Reverend White received the award:

Central Prison
Raleigh, NC

TO THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Dear Fellow Clergymen and Friends,

I wrote to you from a prison cell inside of Central Prison in Raleigh. First, I wish to take this opportunity to thank The Reverend Dr. Joy Johnson and all of you assembled who have supported the civil rights movement in North Carolina and in particular the on-going struggles to change the present unjust repressive justice system that continues to victimize so many of our people solely on the basis of skin color, economic class, and or for the purposes of political persecution.

As you may be aware, I and my nine co-defendants, the Wilmington Ten, have been re-incarcerated in the state prison system for a sum total of 282 years solely because we dared request a non-dsicriminatroy equal quality education for Black students in Wilmington over five years ago. Since that time, despite thousands of dollars expended and long court battles, justice has not prevailed in our case. Neither has justice been rendered in the cases of the Charlotte Three, the Ayden Eleven, nor the recent Dupree trial in Henderson.

To relfect on the historic progress of our bicentennial struggle for true justice, liberty, freedom and the pursuit of happiness, we can readily affirm that by the grace of God we all have come a long way on freedom's path; however, we must be ever mindful that we still have a long way to go.

And yet there is there now hope for continuing the struggle? It is the church. Black liberation has in the past and shall continue in the future to find realization through the Black church.

Therefore it is my prayer today that the General Baptist State Convention will join in with other denominations across the country in designating Sunday, August 15, 1976, as National Wilmington Ten Sunday and to publicly endorse and support the upcoming National March for Human Rights and Labor Rights to be held in Raleigh on Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 1976.

Even through all of the trials and tribulations, I have not lost faith. In fact my faith in Jesus Christ has only increased as I am personally witnessing man's inhumanity toward man.

More than the decision of a biased jury, more than the racism of a prosecutor, more than the unjust discretions of a judge, and more than the repressive abuses of a judicial system — your collective prayers and active participation in the Labor Day March will be more the determining factors as to when the Wilmington Ten, the Charlotte Three, and other victims of our society will eventually receive justice.

For the last one hundred days I have gone without eating food as I am continuing a "spiritual fast for justice and human rights" not just for my personal salvation but for the liberation and salvation of all oppressed people. To further dramatize the call for support of the March, I will continue to fast until after the Labor Day March.

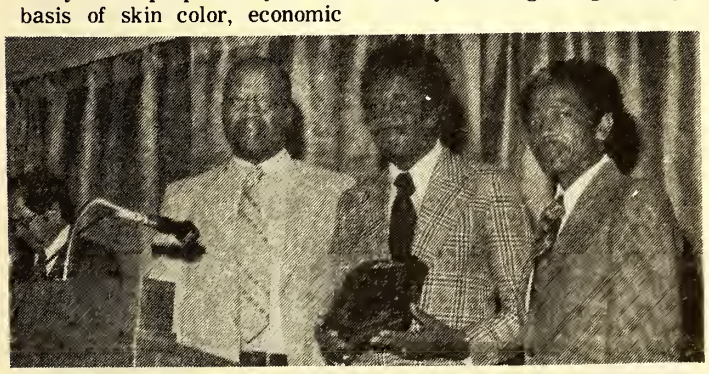
As you meet this week please know that my prayers are with you for a successful convention.

Again please accept my humble gratitude for all your support. Let us pray, let us organize, and let us march on until the ultimate victory is won.

May the love of Jesus Christ, the grace and power of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be always with you.

Sincerely,
Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.
Central Prison Hospital
August 5, 1976

Ed. Note: $400.00 was donated at Prayer Breakfast for N.C. Alliance



Dr. Sherrill, Rev. White, Pres. Johnson

Fayetteville Editor Cited

Fayetteville — In a historic ceremony at the All Baptist Assembly (August 2-5), Ray Parker, editor of the Fayetteville Time, was presented the First Annual Brotherhood Award. This was a special "Christian Oscar" that was presented to a white news man for his outstanding contribution to brotherhood and racial harmony.

Parker was cited because of an article which was published in the **Fayetteville Time** last July 17, 1976, entitled "Strength to Love." The article pointed out the results of Martin Luther King's work as reflected in the recently held Democratic Convention in New York. He called attention to the coalition of Southerners with liberal Northerners. This award was received amidst strong feelings and loud applause.

Lt. Governor Candidate Lee Addresses Convention

Chapel Hill — Among the outstanding personalities that visited the All Baptist Assembly was former Mayor Howard Lee of Chapel Hill. He is a candidate for Lt. Governor of North Carolina on the Democratic ticket.

The photo shows Lee addressing the Assembly and telling the delegates that he will not be a Black Lt. Governor, but a Lt. Governor that happens to be Black. Lee was endorsed by the Convention's Political Action Committee. Lee praised the General Baptist State Convention for its support of his candidacy and declared "We will be your Lt. Governor" due to this support.

Howard Lee, Candidate for Lt. Governor spoke to Convention on Wednesday.

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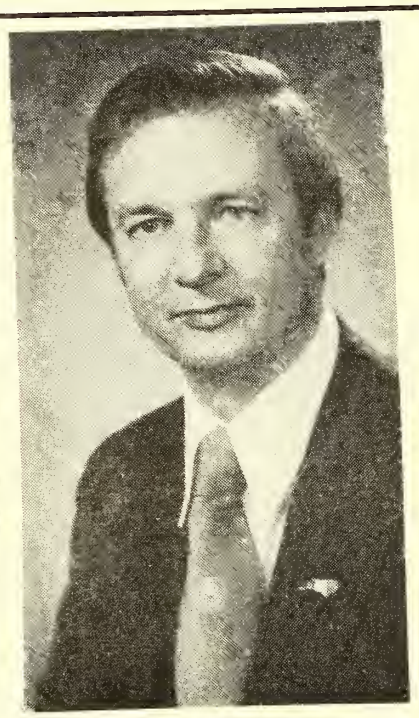
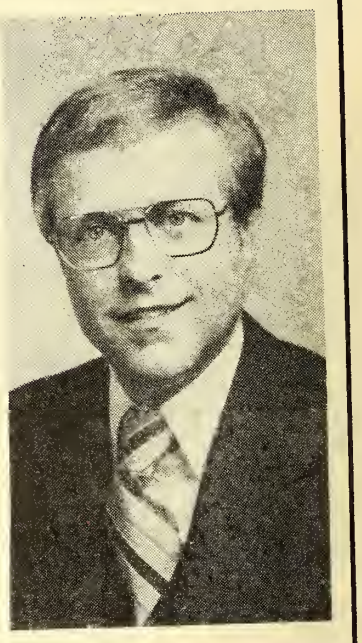


Jim Hunt
for Governor

North Carolina needs a governor who is honest, compassionate and committed to this state going forward again. It needs a governor with vision and a sense of direction. But that isn't enough. North Carolina needs the time and energy of all its people if it is going to make a new beginning. And a governor who can be a catalyst for that kind of involvement is essential. That is why I am running for governor.

Vote John Brooks

Democrat For Commissioner of Labor



"North Carolina's industrial wages are the lowest in the country, and the earnings of our black and women citizens are even lower."

"I pledge to change this by recruiting better-paying industry, by providing improved vocational training programs, and by establishing an equal opportunity bureau within the department of Labor."

"I have served as special assistant on race relations for Governor Terry Sanford and as legal counsel for the North Carolina Fund. As Commissioner of Labor, I will represent all of the working citizens of North Carolina."

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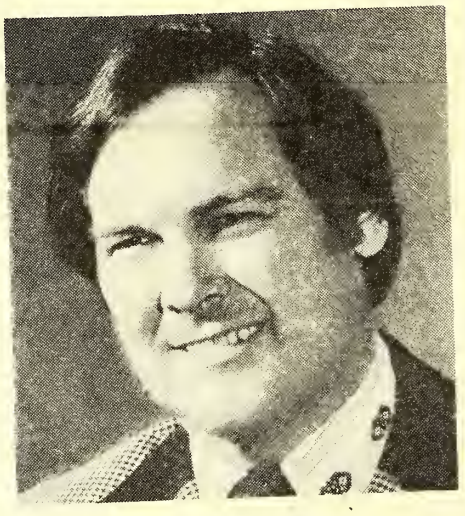

John Ingram
Insurance Commissioner

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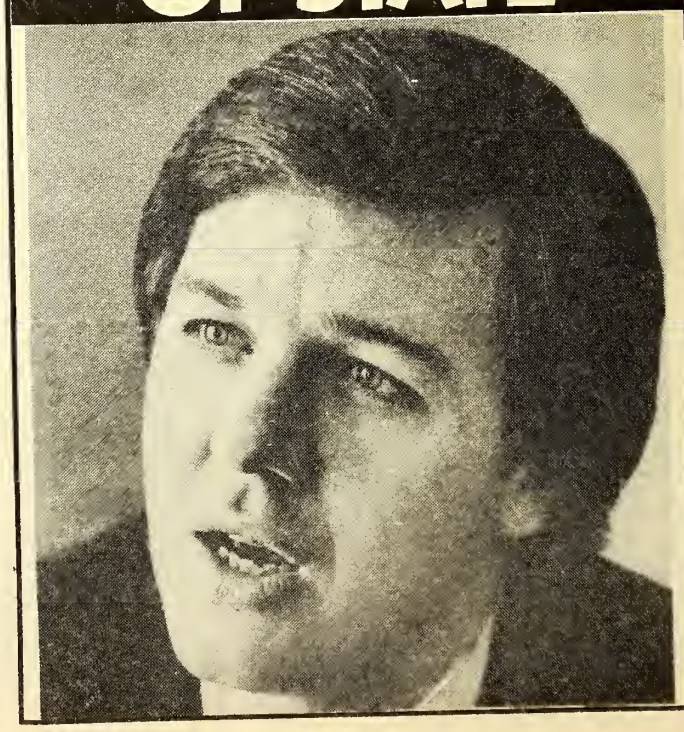

Lane Brown
Democrat For State Treasurer

I believe we need uninterrupted continuity in the practices and policies of fiscal integrity. Our investment management policy is set by the Legislature. Tax dollars invested in eligible securities should: (1) Generate the maximum possible return; (2) Be invested in only the safest institutions or markets; (3) Be invested on a fair and equitable basis; and, (4) Be invested to stimulate economic development, upgrading our standard of living.

North Carolina has a reputation for sound fiscal management. I intend to work actively to maintain and enhance that reputation.

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Vote Craig Phillips - Democratic Primary August 17

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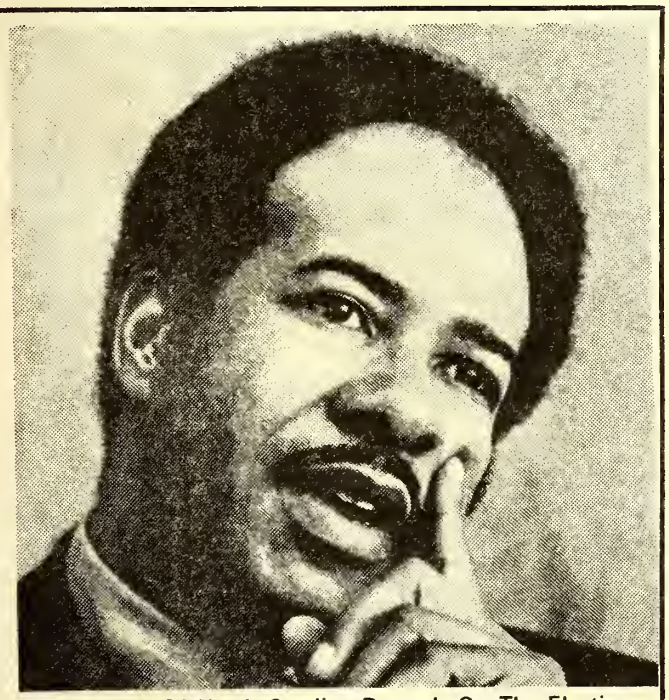

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Statement Of Jimmy L. Love

The most important issue of this campaign is which candidate will be the most active and effective spokesman for all of the people of the 3rd Congressional District of North Carolina. I feel that I can be the kind of representative we need.

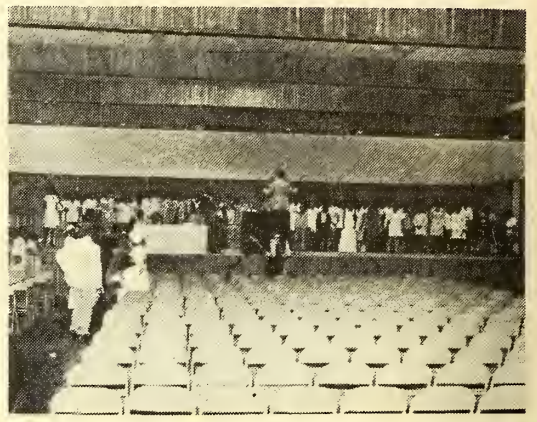
I am the only candidate in this election who has ever faced the voters and been elected to major public office.During the five terms which I served in the North Carolina General Assembly, I have been a member of all major committees of the House. In the last session, I was Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee which was charged with working out our State's budget.

The only promise which I have made during my campaign is that I will always be available to talk to any citizen of the Third District. In any of the public offices in which I have served, I have always taken the position that if any of my constituents has a problem, then that problem becomes my own problem until it is solved.

YOUTH IN ACTION

Winston-Salem — These photos reveal that the youth of the Baptist are alive for Jesus Christ. The photo on the left shows the youth in rehearsal as they prepared themselves for their Annual concert which was presented Wednesday evening. The other photo is a scene form the youth session which shows them in action.

There are many things wrong with our youth of today, but we saw a great number of things that were right with the youth that attended the All Baptist Assembly. Perhaps the most outstanding thing that is right with the youth that attended the session is that they are seeking the right answers. They have not gone all out for materialistic pursuits, they believe that there is a God and they want to honor Him. Another plus for these youth is that they are giving their talents to Christ. He is getting the Glory out of their lives.



Rocky Mt. Group Awarded Title

Rocky Mount — The above is a picture of Mrs. Flora B. Macklin, presenting the title to her pick-up truck to Rev. Thomas L. Walker, Director of the Youth Crusade Association, and to Rev. Thann Young, Director of the Association's Headquarters. Mrs. Macklin is a member of the Advisory Board of the Association representing the Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Nash County.

The Association is sponsoring a summer program entitled "Save the Children". The headquarters for the association is located at 1400 E. Virginia Street, Rocky Mount, N.C. The objective of this program is to reach out into the community in an effort to meet some of the spiritual, physical and social needs of the young people by providing them with counselling services, repossession, recreation and evangelistic services. Their aim and hopes are to gradually bring about a decline in drug abuse popularity, which should eventually lead to a decrease in crime rate and the general uplifting of youth as far as morals and spiritual development are concerned. To do this they will be having special counseling and rap sessons with youth each day at the headquarters. In addition evangelistic services are held each Saturday night at the O.I.C. Center at 7:00 p.m.

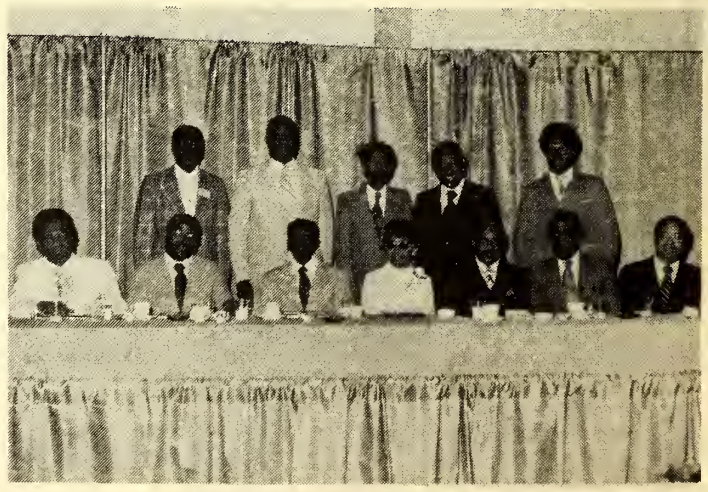
The program is financed by local churches, community organizations, and also the Baptist State Convention. This year's program is operating on a $14,000 budget. Seven thousand of this is being raised in the community through fund raising activities and personal contributions. The program has employed nine staff members. Seven of these staff members' salaries are being subsidized and paid by other agencies. Three of the major fund raising activities sponsored by the Youth Crusade are the bottle drive, bumper sticker drive, and the Miss YCA Pageant.

The program is experiencing much success in the community and has already proven to be one of the most effective youth programs to be presented in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Macklin is donating this truck to the Association to become their own personal property for the purpose of picking up and delivering bottles.

President Johnson and Executive Secretary Horne Chat at Banquet.

Prayer Breakfast. . .



Seated: Presented Oscars for Christian Social Concern. Left to right: Rev. W.E. Banks, Thomasville; Rev. Prince Graves, Greensboro, Dr. C.W. Ward, Raleigh; Mrs. M.A. Horne, Executive Secretary Woman's Baptist Convention; Dr. J. Ray Butler, Winston-Salem; Rev. Wilson Lee, Statesville; and Dr. G.W. Dudley, Rocky Mount.

Wilmington Ten Sunday Set

By Annie Mitchell

Raleigh — August 15th has been nationally declared "Wilmington 10 Sunday". The organizations supporting this day are the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, The National Wilmington 10 Defense Committee, The National Conference of Black Lawyers, and the N.C. Alliance.

These organizations feel that it is important to the Wilmington 10 case and to North Carolina, that more concrete national attention be focused on the case. It is important to the Ten, because it will be through the prayers of the people, and through public pressure that the Ten are released on bail, pending a new trial.

We ask the participation of all ministers throughout the state of North Carolina to offer a moment of prayer on this Sunday for Rev. Ben Chavis and the Ten. To take a moment to speak about the Ten; to let us have literature at the church for the congregation to pick-up; and to urge your congregation to participate at the National March for Human Rights and Labor Rights to be held in Raleigh on Labor Day, September 6, 1976.

We also ask that a special offering be taken up to help defray the cost of organizaing for the Labor Day March.

This is a people's organization; a people's march; and our funds must and do come from the people.

We thank you so much for your continued support, and may we all work together until the ultimate victory is won.

Send correspondence to:
Anne Michell
N.C. Alliance
P.O. Box 14307
Raleigh, N.C. 27610
Telephone 755-9196

Shaw Begins 112th Year Of Christian Leadership And Service

Raleigh — (Editor's note: This featured article concerning Shaw University is the second in a series of articles which are to be published in connection with the General Baptist State Convention's Program of monthly emphasis of the Convention's six (6) Objectives. In the month of emphasis, all Baptists, Convention Auxiliaries, Associations, Pastors, and Departments are requested to emphasize that objective and secure as much financial support as possible.)

Shaw University will begin its 1976 - 77 academic year with a projected enrollment of about 450 new students and 750 returning students. Students are expected from 23 states, the District of Columbia and 10 foreign countries, with approximately 55 percent from North Carolina.

The University has a full time faculty of 70, 41 percent of whom have earned doctorate degrees.

Under the leadership of Dr. Richard L. Fields, Acting President, the university is forecasting a year of progress and growth, with special emphasis being placed on strengthening existing academic programs, initiating innovative alternative educational delivery systems and providing expanded cultural and educational services to the community.

The university continues to offer curricular and major programs hrough foru academic divisions: Humanities and Arts, Natural and Physical Science, Teacher Education, and Administrative and Urban Sciences.

Among the special curricular programs are the Academic Skills Program, featuring an electronic laboratory facility to assist in teaching basic skills in English, reading and mathematics to students who may have deficiencies in 'hose areas; the Evening School, a bachelor's degree program for busy adults and working students, with courses scheduled evenings during the week and on weekends; the Speech and Hearing Clinic, the Family Day Care Program, and the development of new programs in accounting and criminal justice.

The Shaw University Chorale Society, the University Band, the United Heritage Gospel Choir and the Shaw Players and Company Theatrical Group, along with visiting artists and lecturers, will provide a series of educational and cultural programs which will be available to the general community.

Shaw University, founded in 1865, is an independent, Baptist related college whose founder established it for the purpose of teaching freedmen to read and interpret the Bible. This led to the formal training of ministers and teachers, doctors, lawyers, pharmacists, and professionals in a variety of areas.

Through the decades, the university has continued to adjust its goals and objectives within the framework of its motto, "Pro Christo et Humanity" — For Christ and Humanity.

Shaw Evening School Opens In September

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Shaw University Evening School with courses scheduled at night during the week and on weekends offers a special opportunity to busy adults and working students to pursue a college education. Persons who might not otherwise have the opportunity to enroll in college courses or to pursue a degree can find at Shaw selected courses of study that will accommodate their individual schedules.

The Evening School program is composed of several components including regularly scheduled classes, directed independent study, internships, cooperative education, and course exemption examinations. By combining flexible course scheduling with these unique features for course offerings, busy adults and working students can proceed toward their degree within the traditional four - year period.

Students may select a program of study that combines several of the components of the Evening School, or they may attend only the evening or weekend components.

Courses of study leading to a Bachelor's degree are available in public administration - criminal justice, business management and economics, behavioral science, liberal studies, and accounting.

The program is open to all adults and working students who have completed high school or hold a high school equivalency certificate. Students are offered the opportunity to accelerate their program through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and by institutional departmental examinations.

Applications must be submitted by August 1 for the September registration and by December 1 for the January registration.

For further information contact the Director of Evening School, Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602 or call (919) 755-4907.

In Fayetteville contact the Shaw University Educational Center, 416 Raleigh Street, (919) 484-8119.

Acting President Named

RALEIGH — At its meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 1976, the Executive Committee of the Shaw University Board of Trustees designated Dr. Richard L. Fields as Acting President of the University. Dr. Fields has been charged with full responsibility for the overall management of the University.

Dr. Fields, who joined the Shaw staff recently as Executive Vice President, was formerly Director of University Planning, Management and Evaluation at North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina. He has held previous administrative positions at Bennett College, as Director of Teacher Education and at Fayetteville State University, as Dean of the University.

He has had extensive experience as a teacher on the secondary and college level, and as consultant and lecturer at workshops and conferences for several colleges and universities, including Tuskegee Institute and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Fields is married to the former Glayds Westray and they have three children - Richard Alan, Mark Lewis and Tracy Antoinette.

Dr. Richard L. Fields
Acting President
SHAW UNIVERSITY
Raleigh, N.C.

Electronic Lab Supports Programs At Shaw

RALEIGH — Shaw University has recently completed the repair and refurbishing of an electronic laboratory facility for primary use in the Academic Skills Program. The Skills Program, a component of the Advanced Institutional Development Program, is designed to teach basic skills in English, Reading and Mathematics to students who come to college with deficiencies in those areas.

The newly re - worked laboratory, which is housed in two classrooms on the third floor of Leonard Building, can accommodate as many as fifty students at one time — thirty in one room and twenty in an adjoining classroom.

The original electronic laboratory, installed in 1965, was then used primarily by the foreign language and business education students.

From a master control console in the main section, the instructor can send the same lesson to fifty students or several different lessons to meet individual needs. The instructor can listen to and confer with students as they do various types of exercises or drills from reel - to - reel tapes, cassettes, or other recorded media.

Eighteen student positions are equipped with individual control panels which permit students to control their personal programs. They may listen individually, do drill work, record answers, repeat any part of a given lesson, erase their taped answers, or re - record as they wish. At the same time, the instructor can monitor and give instruction to the entire group or to individuals. The students' tapes can be replayed at the instructor's conveneince for evaluation purposes.

Mrs. Rosalie B. Williams, Associate Professor of English, is director of the Academic Skills Program.

1976-77 Sunday School Lesson Commentaries

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Officers Re-elected

WINSTON - SALEM — By what seemed to be a near unanimous vote, the delegates of the All Baptist Assembly re - elected all officers for the Convention to another year's term. Normally there is a report on officers presented to the Convention and then the struggle for power begins: this was not the case this year. The Reverend H.S. Diggs, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and pastor of the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, stated that: "This is not a Convention in which we do the regular business; this is a session for fellowship, inspiration, and reporting progress. However, the Convention's Constitution calls for the election of officers each year, therefore we recommend that all officers be re - elected to the office which they now hold: so that the Convention and its Auxiliairies will not be without officers in the 1976 - 77 Convention year."

The recommendation was adopted by a near unanimous vote.

This was the smoothest election that has been held in recent years, and signaled the beginning of a new unity among the brethren.

When you give, take to yourself no credit for generosity, unless you deny yourself something in order that you may give.

-Sr Henry Taylor

Shaw Presents Family Day Care Training Session

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Shaw University Education Division held its first in a series of workshops and training sessions for its Day Care Mothers July 27 and 28.

The purpose of the training workshops is to equip the Day Care Mothers with information and agency resources that will aid them in providing quality care to the children in their homes. Three of the six day care homes from the Apex and Fuquay area have been identified and will be completely certified by August 31, 1976.

The workshop offered a variety of speakers including Anna Brooks and Nell Brougham from the Department of Social Services; Mamie Pope, Doris Johnson and Ronald Lewis from Wake Opportunities, Inc., Head Start Program; Augustus Woodleaf from the Raleigh Fire Department; Earlene Walker and Irma Altman from the Agicultural Extension Agency and Margaret Thurston, Teacher for the Raleigh Pre - School.

Three Day Care Mothers from the Apex and Fuquay area attended the workshop (Eva Kearse, Gertrude Harrelson, and Jarsettc Denning) along with two teacher assistants from the Wake - Raleigh Head Start Program.

AFRICAN VISITORS AT CONVENTION — Winston-Salem — The All Baptist Assembly was given an international flavor with the appearance of Mrs. Hawa Lyon Bock and her daughter on the Convention scene. The colorful African family enjoyed the fellowship and inspiration of the Assembly. Mrs. Bock is an instructor at Ricks Institute in Brewerville, West Africa. She is being sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Review Of All Baptist Assembly

By Executive Secretary
O.L. SHERRILL

RALEIGH — The recent All Baptist Assembly of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina can be recorded as a "Mammoth" success and the greatest session ever.

As one viewed the activities through the eyes of concern for life's enrichment and humanity's betterment, the scene developed into a beautiful picture. Men, women, boys and girls began converging on Winston - Salem as early as Sunday, August 1, for the Pre - assembly Musical. They came by several modes of transportation, and some groups included whole families.

Hundreds of happy souls engaged in hearty fellowship and a delicious meal at the sumptuous banquet sponsored by the Woman's Convention on Monday evening. Dr. F.G. Sampson provided the inspiration through his warm and challenging address. Mrs. M.A. Horne, Mrs. J.B. McLester and all the ladies are to be commended highly because the banquet was the "greatest."

The hundreds had multipled into thousands by Tuesday's opening Assembly when President J.J. Johnson called the Assembly to order. Wednesday was by far the busiest day with the largest attendance. This was the day for several major reports, a dynamic sermon by Reverend R.E. Devoe, and the President's Annual Message, including his recommendations. Thursday was begun with the Presidential Prayer Breakfast featuring a powerful sermon by Dr. Robert Wilson of Dallas, Texas. There was a period for final reports and the closing worship celebrating the Lord's Supper.

During the three - day period, each Auxiliary performed its specific task, each emphasizing a phase of the general theme and the work of the church. It is significant to note that the youth were deeply involved in the perfomance by each auxiliary.

The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Coleman W. Kerry, left no stones unturned in mapping out the course that we traveled. Three periods of special evangelistic services were provided, each with a dynamic preacher, and were held at New Bethel Baptist Church, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 10:00.

The Entertainment Committee, chaired by Dr. Jerry Drayton, with the cooperation of host churches and pastors, did everything they were expected to do, and then some more. Preparation and planning by this group accounted for the homelike atmosphere that met us upon our arrival and prevailed throughout our stay in the twin - city.

On behalf of the officials of the General Baptist State Convention, and for myself personally, I wish to express our deepest appreciation to each person who contributed in any way to the success of our meeting.

The total of all finances received at the All Baptist Assembly was $80,524.13. The total of all contributions received since September 1, 1975 is $807,360.82. This leaves a balance of $192,639.18 to be raised by August 31, in order to meet our budget of $1,000,000.00.

Extension Courses Expanding

By Corbin Cooper

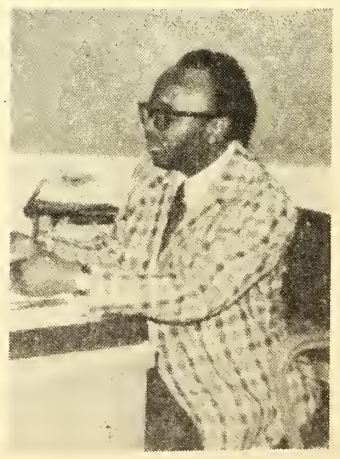
"Study to show thyself approved unto God ..." (II Tim. 2:15). Already this year 148 pastors and lay persons have enrolled in Seminary Extension courses in Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Winston - Salem, and Asheville. These classes were begun through the united effort of the Shaw Divinity School, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, and the Department of Cooperative Ministries.

Dr. Priscilla Brodie will teach in Fayetteville.

Some new classes beginning this fall are as follows: PMI33-Pastoral Ministries in Rocky Mount, N.C., September 20, 1976, by Dr. James Arnette; CE226-Christian Ethics in Winston - Salem, N.C., September 27, 1976, by Mrs. Bronnie Daniels; CE 226 - Christian Ethics in Fayetteville, August 30, 1976, by Dr. Priscilla Brodie; OT 111 - Old Testament in Asheville, by Miss Sue Fitzgerald.

Credits earned in these classes may be applied on the Christian Vocations Certificate with the Shaw Divinity School, or a Diploma in Pastoral Ministries and Educational Ministries with the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A variety of subjects are available for those who wish to begin a class. For information on registration or how to begin a class in your church or association, contact Crobin Cooper, Department of Cooperative Ministries, P.O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N.C. 27611. Telephone (919) 833-1605.



Dr. James Arnette will teach in Rocky Mount.

Ford Nominates Stevens For Broadcast Slot

FORT WORTH (BP) — President Gerald Ford has nominated Paul M. Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here, as a director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Stevens, a Democrat, was told of his nomination in a telephone call from the office of Richard Brannon, a Baptist, who is associate director of the presidential personnel office.

The nomination, expected to be announced since the middle of June, still must be confirmed by the Senate, Brannon said.

"It's a matter of getting the confirmation on the Senate calendar," he said. "Dr. Stevens will have to appear before a sub - committee. We don't expect any problems with it. I have no doubt he'll be confirmed."

Stevens, an ordained Baptist minister has led the Radio and Television Commission since 1953. The Baptist agency is one of the world's largest producers of religious programs for broadcasting. Radio and Television Commission - produced programs are heard on more than 3,710 radio and television stations across America on public service time. They are broadcast in 12 languages and heard by an estimated 100 million people weekly. In addition, the American Forces Radio - TV Service regulaly schedules several commission programs.

Stevens says his interest lies in keeping the broadcasting process free of government intervention. At the Texas Association of Broadcasters meeting in Arlington recently, he told a Dallas newscaster that one of his concerns is "keeping government intervention in the broadcasting process at an absolute minimum" and wants the broadcasting process to "remain absolutely constitutional."

Stevens has been an outspoken advocate of the family viewing hour on television and has been quoted as being strongly against violence and sex on television.

St. Louis Agency To Aid Elderly

ST. LOUIS (RNS) — A grant of $18,900 has been made to the Cardinal Ritter Institute (CRI) for the Aging to develop a pilot project of services for the "downtown elderly."

This group, spotlighted by a special institute study last year, consists of elderly and retired persons following a "Single Room Only" life style in downtown hotels and rooming houses. Although not destitute, these people have a number of unmet social and emotional needs not generally recognized because of their solitary existence, a spokesman said.

The grant, from the Missouri Office of Aging, will be used to develop a service program which may be used for similar population groups in the downtown sections of other cities.

NEW PASTORS PRESENTED—Winston-Salem - One of the interesting features of the All Baptist Assembly, August 2-5, was the presentation of the new pastors who had never attended an All Baptist Assembly before. There were quite a number that were not presented because they were out of place when the event took place. The following were introduced to the Assembly. (See photo this page)

Rev. M.C. Herring, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Longwood; Rev. H.T. Boyd, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Forest City; Rev. I.J. Camblee, St. Paul; Rev. Leroy Davis, Solid Rock Baptist Church, Laurinburg; Rev. William Epps, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem; Rev. W. Jackson, Ambassador For Christ, Charlotte; Rev. Rudolph May; Rev. Johnnie C. Sherrod, Union Grove Baptist Church, Youngsville and Hooks Grove, Pikeville; Rev. O'Klee Lewis, Flat Creek Baptist Church; Rev. H.C. Fields, St. John Baptist Church, Snow Hill. "Welcome to the fold Brethren."

Host For God

Winston - Salem — Those who attended the Ushers' Session on Wednesday evening during the All Baptist Assembly, August 2-5, heard Rev. H.S. Diggs, dean of the Ushers' Convention, proclaim that: "Ushers are Host for God". He made a very informative address declaring that the church usher has the awesome responsibility to make God's House have an atmosphere of welcome for all comers.

President of the Ushers' Convention, S.L. Fennell presided over the session with dignity and poise. He admonished the ushers to do their best for the Cause of Jesus Christ.

Another outstanding feature of the session was thge First Aid demonstration presented by Mrs. Ernestine Scott. She illustrated the contents and use of the First Aid cabinet supplies.

In general the ushers were urged to accept their responsibilities more seriously; this can be done only when an usher has been born again and is willing to be a Host for God.

What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds.

-Mary Baker Eddy

5,000 Souls Saved

1 Million

Dollars Raised

1500 Attend

Old Fashioned Preaching

At All Baptist Assembly

Winston - Salem — There were many features in the All Baptist Assembly that could be termed "innovative" "unique" and "progressive", but none of these terms can adequately describe the Evangelistic Service. The Evangelistic Service, held each evening at the New Bethel Baptist Church, were attended by well over 500 person each session.

The services were held at 10:00 p.m. However, if one would pass the Church and not know the time, he would record it to be 11:00 a.m. Sunday.

The enthusiasm that attended these three Evangelistical Services reflect the thirst that the people of God have for the Gospel. There was real spirit filled singing, praying, and preaching. Many souls were renewed and revived. This is the kind of response that is needed to get Baptist on the move for God.

The preachers were the Reverends Oscar B. Cook, W.E. Mills, and L.D. Parker.

This is a feature that is needed, not only in our Convention, but in every community.

The Strength To Love

Editor's Note: The following is the oscar-winning editorial written by Editor Roy Parker, Jr. of The FAYETTEVILLE TIMES. Reprinted here by his permission.

NEW YORK—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said it best in a sermon entitled "The Strength To Love."

"While abhorring segregation, we shall love the segregationist. This is the only way to create the beloved community," he vowed.

King's vision of a society reconciled to itself reached a new milestone Thursday night in the scene at Madison Square Garden as the Democratic Party heard a southerner accept its presidential nomination.

For, as Jimmy Carter has acknowledged, the South first had to reconcile its own tragic divisions before it could then proffer reconciliation to the country.

That was Martin Luther King's dream, and the strength to love was his method. The scene at Madison Square Garden showed how far that dream had come and how well that method can work.

For on the platform as the Democrats sang the old song of civil rights strife, "We Shall Overcome," there sat George Corley Wallace, who once vowed "segregation yesterday, segregation today, segregation forever." And Wallace was fairly bathed in the love, the waves of almost inexpressable relief, that southerners both black and white, felt as the success of Carter in winning the presidential nomination wrote an end to the long years of bitterness and division and waste of human talent which segregation and racial discrimination had placed as a burden on them.

For, in a real sense, the success of Carter is the South's opportunity to show the way toward Dr. King's vision to every region and place. The problems which Dr. King rose up to smite are still with us, even in the South. But his work and his method made it possible for a political party to adopt his vision as a goal. The success which his method had in his own region made it possible for Jimmy Carter to win the Democratic nomination and lift the burden which racial politics had placed on the South.

George Wallace

Martin Luther King Jr.

So, in an almost palpable sense, Dr. King was at the event in Madison Square Garden. It was "his" convention, as Carter has acknowledged. When Martin Luther King stood up and called for "the strength to love," he set the course which led to Madison Square Garden.

The South, which has been a burden to the nation's conscience, has thus been able to offer itself now as an example that the American conscience is, as Jimmy Carter said, one of "simple decency and commonsense."

In all this, perhaps movements and trends are more important than men. Carter could not have done what he did without King doing what he did. And King was working out of the ground laid by thousands before him, the Frank Porter Grahams, Ellis Arnells, the Booker T. Washingtons and Martin Luther King, Seniors. And, Rosa Parks, whose feet hurt when the driver told her to move to the back of the bus on that far-off December day in Montgomery, Ala.

Yet, the scene at Madison Square Garden was surely testimony to the immense vision and practical success of the method that Martin Luther King Jr. preached when he said: "To our most bitter opponents we say, one day we shall win freedom, but not only for ourselves. We shall so appeal to your heart and conscience that we shall win YOU in the process."

If George Corley Wallace would not agree with that now, he is not the sort of southerner we suspect that he is.

—ROY PARKER JR.

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Basketball's Jerry Lucas Remembers God's Word

By MIKE CHUTE

NASHVILLE (BP) — For more than a decade Jerry Lucas delighted fans and astounded foes shooting his patented, arching jump shot over basketball defenses.

Now he shoots at them the word of God, that is — teaching a memory system he has devised for the Bible to help Christians minister more effectively.

As a basketball player, Lucas' career was illustrious. In the realm of memory his feats have been termed phenomenal. He has written two books on memory and once memorized 500 columns of the Manhattan telephone directory. As a professional basketball player he not only memorized his own team's playbook but also the plays of opposing teams to help his defensive play.

Two years ago the former New York Knickerbocker devoted his career to God's work which led to writing a memory book for the Bible, "Remember The Word." He was in the Nashville Baptist Book Store recently to promote his book.

Lucas' basketball career reads like a fairytale — a child's dreams of stardom. As a prep star he was named All - State and All - America player for three years. Twice he led his high school team to the Ohio state championship.

A star at Ohio State University (OSU), he again played on a championship team, winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association national championship. He was a three - time All - America selection at OSU and was named College Player of the Year twice. He earned "Sports Illustrated" magazine's Sportsman of the Year award and was presented a Greek amphora for excellence in mind and body.

Lucas was a gold medal winner in the 1960 Olympic Games as a member of the United States basketball team, which some sports writers acclaimed as the greatest U.S. team ever to compete in the world - wide games.

An All - Pro player seven years, he was voted to the National Basketball Association All - Star team seven times and played on a world championship team.

In addition to athletics, the college Phi Beta Kappa appeared on literally hundreds of national television and radio programs — from the "Mike Douglas Show" to the "Today" program — demonstrating his memory technqiues.

He added to his fame as co - author of "The Memory Book." As if he couldn't fail, the book spent 50 weeks on the New York Times Bestseller List, second only to a book on Watergate.

It's an understatement to say that Lucas was at a high point in his life. He was idolized, loved and admired by millions of sports fans across the country.

By the time he was 30 he had already gained the ultimate goals of many people — fame, wealth and material possessions.

"People told me how lucky I was and how they would like to be in my position," he stated. "Little did they know how I felt about my own life. In spite of the things I had amassed, I was still empty and unfulfilled. There was a void in me that simply would not be filled no matter what I tried."

Lucas suddenly aborted his life of luxury two years ago after meeting Sharalee Beard, a pretty blonde in her mid - twenties who was a member of the Johnny Mann Singers. Sharalee, whose parents are both ordained ministers, is deeply religious herself, Lucas said. She urged him to read the Bible because she saw the need in his life.

"This led to religious discussions which I made very difficult for her," Lucas recalled, "I insisted on proof for every fact she brought up. Of course she couldn't provide documented answers."

Lucas questioned every part of Christianity but decided to accept Sharalee's challenge.

He had never read the Bible before and was "awestruck with the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, I began praying not really knowing how. Within a few weeks I received Christ as my personal Savior. My life changed. The void was filled by our Lord.

Lucas realized why events happened the way they did in his life. He saw that God had been preparing him to teach Christian people to retain their memory for God's purpose.

Retired from pro basketball and married to Sharalee, Lucas formed a non - profit organization in Los Angeles called Memory Ministries, Inc.

He wrote "Remember the Word," a Bible memorization system for the Gospels. He says the book is non - sectarian and non-theological, dealing only with scripture memorization, not interpretation. It is usable with any scripture translation. In the future, Lucas plans to develop memory systems for the Epistles, Psalms and Proverbs.

At 36 years old, Lucas has embarked on a different journey, a more meaningful one. In addition to writing, he travels about the country leading memory seminars for Christians so they might remember God's word and establishing a worthwhile ministry in their own lives.

Jerry Lucas is still a star, only now he's performing for God.

Contest Winners Announced

WINSTON-SALEM — The Annual James F. Wertz B.T.U. Oratorical Contest was among the best ever held and the judging was difficult and very close. The photo shows the winners: (See photo) First place, Michael Newkirk, Raleigh. He received a $150.00 scholarship Award. Michael is a member of the Springfield Baptist Church where the Reverend R.B. Kamara is pastor. Second place was won by Miss Janet Campbell of Chadbourn. She received a $100.00 scholarship. Miss Campbell is a member of the First Baptist Church of Chadbourn where Rev. James E. Barber is pastor.

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Christian Oscars Awarded At

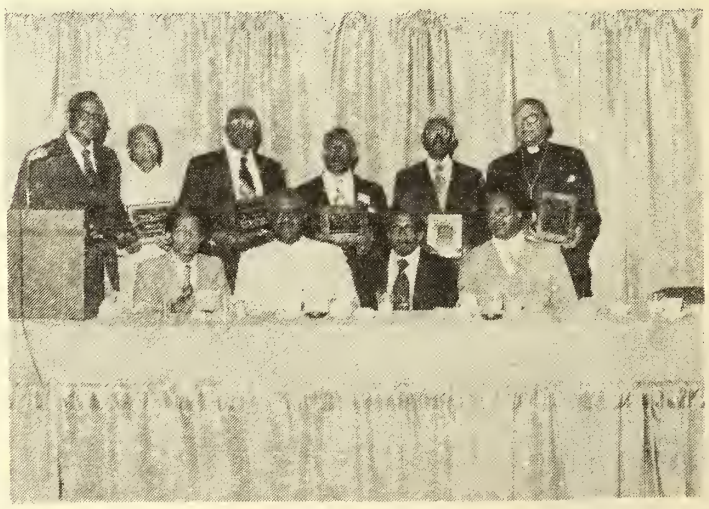
President's 2nd Annual Prayer Breakfast

Winston - Salem — The President's Second Annual Prayer Breakfast, held at the Benton Convention Center was a complete sell out. The breakfast hall was completely filled and many had to be turned away.

The outstanding feature of the Breakfast was the presentation of "Christian Oscars Awards". The first group given for service to the Convention went to:

1. Rev. G.B. Gilchrist, 50 years of service.
2. Dr. W.H. Fuller, Durham, 50 years of service.
3. Rev. J.L. Williamston, faithful support of the Pastor's Conference at Shaw University.
4. Rev. Westley Grant, Asheville, 50 years of Faithful Service.
5. Rev. A.G. Thompson, Lumberton, 50 years of Dedicated Service.
6. Rev. K.P. Battle, Rocky Mount, 50 years of Dedicated Service.
7. Dr. C.W. Ward, Outstanding and Dedicated service to the General Baptist State Convention.
8. Mrs. MA.. Horne, "who has done more than any other Baptist" — The Christian Leadership Award.
9. Dr. J. Ray Butler, Winston - Salem, Outstanding Stewardship Award.
10. Rev. Geroge Dudley, Rocky Mount, Dedicated Service as Editor of the Baptist Informer.

Presentation of Most Coveted Christian Oscars Brotherhood and Freedom. To Roy Parker, Jr. Editor of The Fayetteville Times and Rev. Leon White, Secretary of North Carolina and Virginia Commission for Racial Justice. Seated Left to Right: Drs. E.B. Turner, C.R. Edwards, Mrs. J.B. Horton, Rev. I.B. Horton, Editor of Baptist Informer and Dr. J.C. Harris. Standing: Left to Right: Dr. C.C. Craig, Assistant Exec. Secretary, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, Mr. Roy Parker, Jr. Brotherhood Oscar Recipient, (See His Editorial "Strength To Love" elsewhere) July 17, 1976) Rev. Leon White, Freedom Oscar Recipient, Dr. Robert H. Wilson, Breakfast Preacher, Mrs. J.J. Johnson and President Johnson.



Recipients of 50 Years Christian Service Oscars (Presidents Prayer Breakfast) Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Seated Left to Right: President Johnson, Executive Sec. Sherrill, Prayer Breakfast Preacher, Dr. Robert H. Wilson and Vice President J.C. Harris. Standing: Rev. R.T. Gilchrist, Hamlet; receiving for his father Rev. G.B. Gilchrist, Laurinburg; Rev. Leroy Williamson, Evergreen; Rev. Wesley Grant, Asheville; Rev. A.G. Thompson, Lumberton and Rev. R.P. Battle, Rocky Mount.

The second group of oscars were given because of Chrsitian and Social Concerns, they went to:

1. Rev. W.E. Banks, Thomasville, Outstanding Service in the area of Housing and Human Need.
2. Rev. Prince Graves, Greensboro, Outstanding Service in the area of Housing and Human Need.
3. Rev. Wilson Lee (whose second home is in jail) Statesville, Human Freedom and Social Concern.

This was truly an emotional filled moment, as the delegates watched faithful persons receive recognition for their unselfish labors.